(b) if so, whether Government propose to constitute a high-powered committee comprising of medical experts and voluntary sectors to evolve a rational policy on the manufacture and marketing of ayurvedic products?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Government would undertake such a survey and, in the light of the findings of the survey, review the legal provisions for regulating the manufacture and marketing of ayurvedic medicines.

Mosquito nets impregnated with pesticide

@*397. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mosquito nets impregnated with pesticide have been developed as reported in the Hindustan Times of 21st October, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it may conteminate the air; and

(c) whether it would be safe for children who may touch or lick the nets unknowingly?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Mosquito bednets impregnated with insecticides have been developed. The insecticides used to impregnate these nets do not contaminate the air and pose no health hazard.

Doctors with foreign Degrees

*398. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal from the Medical Council of India for conducting an entrance examination for all foreign Degree holding Doctors of medicine to practice in India;

(b) if so, what is Government's decision thereon; and

(c) the number of Medical Doctors in India holding Degrees from foreign Universities which are not yet recognised by the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) A Bill to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, as reported by Joint Committee of Parliament, contains a provision for conducting a screening test for foreign degree holders.

(c) No such information is available with the Medical Council of India.

Scheme of having only gauge in the country

*399. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the scheme of Railway line with only one gauge in the entire country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF (a) A phased system change from MG to BG is being contemplated.

(b) Progress of conversion will depend on the availability of resources.

Utilization of land lying along railway lines

*400. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land with the Indian Railways lying on both sides of railway lines;

@Previously Starred Question 317 transferred from the 12th December, 1991.